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SUBJECT: INDIA DOWNPLAYS LOC CEASEFIRE VIOLATION

Classified By: DCM Robert O. Blake, Jr. Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (C) New Delhi has publicly downplayed the January 18 evening incident of artillery fire at the LOC, the first such case since guns fell
2. (C) Media have reported that the two DGMOs spoke on the morning of January 19. Relating the content of that conversation, Vice Chief of The MEA had no immediate reaction.
3. (C) The incident, which Indian sources attribute to the Pakistani military, has sparked speculation as to its rationale, given that India --Some Army sources reportedly linked the incident to a failed attempt on January 17 in which the Indian army killed five infiltrators. Accc --Another more bizarre theory suggests that it was an expression of disapproval by Pakistan over the lack of progress in the Baglihar dispute --The most unusual hypothesis came from Srinagar, where some journalists speculated that India might be behind the incident, in order to diver Comment -----
4. (C) The GOI has dealt with this incident as it has following the few minor LOC ceasefire incidents since November 2003 -- by downplaying MULFORD